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ARMS.—*Quarterly 1 and 4. Argent (or or) an eagle sable, preying upon an infant swaddled grules, banded or. [CULCHETH.] 2. Argent a griffin segreant azure (or sable) armed or. [CULCHETH.] 3. Azure a hind statant gy. foliated? argent. [HINDLEY.] Sometimes the griffin is borne in the 2nd and 3rd quarters.*

CREST.—*On a cap of maintenance a naked blackmoor standing, holding in his dexter hand a dart, all proper.*

Culcheth in Cheshire bore *Sable a griffin segreant or, sometimes argent.* [EDMONDSON.]

Henry de Culchit, with Alan de Rixton and Simon de Bedford, gave pledges to stand their trial for the murder of G. de Spoundum, A.D. 1200. (*Rot. de Obaus*, 98.)

**3**

Norman Gilbert de Culcheth, of Culcheth, co. Lancashire, co. Lancashire, Mil. Military tenant of Sir Wm. de Bottiller Baron of Warrington. Dead in 1275. His 4 dau.'rs were Culcheth, Risley, and married to the 4 sons of Hugh Holcroft families adopted him, and gave to their husbands the estates of Risley, Culcheth, Holcroft, and Peas falong.

Gilbert de Culcheth, of Lathom. Living and a widow in 1275. He was from Robt. Knastre, Lord of Makerfield, to whom he was military tenant; from Wm. de Wythenlache, Ric. Fitz Wyon, Wm. Fitz Roger de Ynes (Ince), and from Robt. f. Robt. de Winwick. He married Beatrix \* their arms, \* this quer- for being common to all three families.

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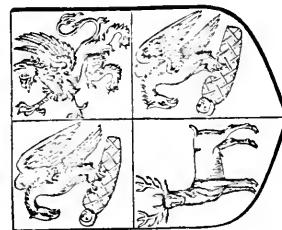
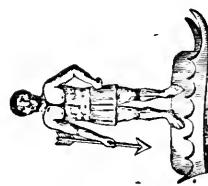
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## Culcheth.

\* Saturday, the morrow of the invention of the Holy Cross, 1275, at Thornton. *Dna Cecilia de Laton* demises to *Ric. de Culcheth*, her son-in-law ('*genitrix unum*'), her one-third of Culcheth Mill, which she held in dower for her life. And grants that her tenants should grind there as in Gilb. de Culcheth's life. *Witnesses* Rob. de Presalmarie de Thornton, Will. de Nonthrelis, Rob. de Yndecléa, Ric. the Clerk.

Lord Robert de Lathom witnesses a grant from Rob. f. Rob. de Winwick to Ric. de Hindlegh (*tunc*. Hen. III. or Ed. I.) of two bovates in Lawton. The grantee to render homage and a pair of iron spurs or two-pence.

† William le Botiller grants to Hugh de Hindley the marriage of the heirs of Gilbert de Culcheth. *Witnesses* Lord Radulf the Cheplain, Roger de Opton, Hen. l'uncorn, Hen. de Tildesley, Roger de Sankt, Thurstan de Holland, John de Sutheworth, John de Athburgham, Rob. de Lauton, and Rob. de Whifield Clerk.



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Robert fitz Hugh=Ellen, d. and Richard fitz Hugh=Margrete, d. & coh. de Hindley, took coh. of Gilb. de Culcheth. the name and lands de Culcheth.

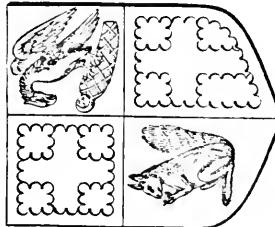
(a descendant of this Robert), A.D. 1698.



Seal of John Risley, of Risley, Esq. (a descendant of this Robert), A.D. 1698.

de Hindley, took the name and lands of Risley.\* Called "Ric. Culcheth the elder" in some charters.†

RISLEY OF RISLEY.



Richard Culcheth, s. of the younger," s. Hugh de Hindley, 21 Ed. I.]

Richard Culcheth, Cecilia, dau'r of "the younger," s. Hugh de Hindley, 21 Ed. I.

HOLCHROFT OF HOLCHROFT.

Quarterly 1 and 4, Arg. a cross and border engrailed saile. 2. Curcheth. 3. Arg. a squirrel erect gules, holding an apple or. [F. Lupton.]

Alice dau'r of Gilbert, f. Ric. de Culcheth, of Culcheth, d. of Ric. Bradshaigh. Rem. to Hugh de Workesley before 1358. co. Chester.



c Seal of Gilb. de Culcheth, 11 Ed. III. §

B

Robert fitz Hugh=John, d. de Hindley.\* Took of Gilb. de Culcheth, the name and lands of Culcheth.

[*Baines, Hist. Lane*, says that Margaret was mar. to Wm. de Radclif, who, in her right, was seized of Chilcheth 20 Ed. I.]

of Holcroft.

Thomas fitz Hugh=John, d. de Hindley.\* Took and coh. the name and lands of Gilb. of Holcroft. Called Adam de Culcheth. Peasfallow in some charters.

John, from whom Beatrix.

descended, as is supposed, HINDLEY OF HINDLEY. A seal of Hugh Hindley, 6 Hen. VII., exhibits a "Hind lodged," with foliage behind it.

John de Sale,

1356.

de Hindley, took the lands of Peasfallow in some charters.

Adam fitz Hugh=Beatrix? dau. and coh. of Peasfallow, and is called Adam de Culcheth.

John de Sale,

1356.

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For notes, see end of Pedigree.



<p><b>c</b></p> <p>Gilbert f. Gilbert de Culcheth, at. 19 in 1365, when he publicly acknowledges—Katherine, dau. of Tho. del Bothe his marriage in the Church at Manchester. Dead in 1402.</p>	<p>John fitz Gilbert, 1345.</p>	<p>John fitz Gilbert, dau. of Tho. del Bothe of Barton. Living 1420.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>John de Holcroft. Marriage settlement dated 47 Ed. III.</p>	<p>Elizabeth, dan'r of John de Holcroft. brother and heir of Nicholas, and heir to his nephew Randalph. Died before 1512.</p>	<p>Thomas fitz Gilbert—Alice, dau. of Adam and Katherine de Culcheth, 1420. He married 2ndly Katherine [?] Ander-ton] 9 Hen. VI.</p>	<p>Nicholas son of Gilber-</p>
<p>s. p.?</p>	<p>Oliver Culcheth, Esq.—Douce, dan'r of Gilb't Langton, Esq., afterwards mar. to James Strangewais. Both living 1531. Died before 1512.</p>	<p>Thomas fitz Gilbert—Alice, dau. of Adam and Katherine de Culcheth, 1420. He married 2ndly Katherine [?] Ander-ton] 9 Hen. VI.</p>	<p>Geoffrey—Jennet, dan. of Robert Culcheth, before 1495. 1477.</p>
<p>E</p>	<p>Margaret,=Gilbert Culcheth, Esq.—Jane, d. &amp; coh. s. and h. of Oliver, born circa 1495. On Sep. 5, 1515, he gave bond with Robt. Longley and Robt. Langton of Leyland Knt. to W<sup>m</sup> Leyland Knt. to perform the covenant of marriage in an indenture betw. himself and Sr William.</p>	<p>John Culcheth, or Parnell, or Petronilla, dau. of Hamond Masey, of Rixton, co. Lane. She rem. to Robt. Kirkham.</p>	<p>Agnes, 1499.</p>
		<p>George, of Guy Green of Naburn, co. York. She was dead in 1533. By her he had lands in Naburn and in the city of York. She does not appear to have left issue by him.</p>	<p>John Culcheth, "heir to Oliver Anderton," 1476 Ob. s. p., his uncle Oliver Culcheth succeeding as his heir.</p>
		<p>Ellen, wife of Edward Lever.</p>	<p>Agnes, 1499.</p>



E

John Culcheth of Culcheth, d. of Sir Thomas Culcheth, Esq., & h. Southworth of Stanlessbury, Knt. Remarried to Tho. Clifton of Westby, Esq. Died 1574.

Gilbert, 2 son. The Win-

wick reg. records in 1604

the burial of a wife of Mr

Gilb. Culcheth, and his own

burial in 1605.

John Culcheth of Culcheth, =Maud, daur of John Poole  
Esq. Died 24 Sept.  
1 Car. I, 1624.

of Poole in Wirral, co.  
Chester, Esq.

Margaret, m. to Geoffrey Joly-  
branche, of Bolton, gent.  
Pecle, gent.

Elizabeth, m. to Roger Lever of  
Bolton, gent.

Helen. — Alice. —

Anne. — Clemence.

Jane or Christian, daur of John Hawarden of Fennel Street,  
Died 17 July, 1640.\* Seized in tail male of the manors of Culcheth in Farnworth, co. Lanc. Married 1618. Marriage agree-  
ment, in which she is called Christian, dated 8 Aug. 2 Jac. I.

John Culcheth, Esq., 2. Thomas Culcheth of Culcheth, =Anne, daur of James Bradshaigh of Ilajc, a priest.  
died of the wounds Esq., bapt. at Newchurch 5 May ob. *in fyns.*  
which he received in 1628. Aged 36 in 1664. Will 23 April, 1633.  
the wars, fighting on Esq., and sister of Sir Roger Bradshaigh,  
the side of the King, chapel at Winwick in linen 20 Knt. Bur. at Win-  
Dec. 1647. 17 March, 1677. wick 17 March, 1681.  
Anne, bapt. at Winwick 12 Jan. 1657-8.  
A nun at Pontaise. Died 1717, aged 59.

Charles, 4. Gilbert,  
a priest. —  
Bapt. at Newchurch 5. William,  
Bur. at Winwick 20 Feb.  
1660.

Francisca, bapt. at Winwick 19 Aug. 1663. Mar. in 1688 to John Traf-  
ford of Croston, Esq. She inherited the estates on the death of her nephew  
Thomas, and conveyed them to her husband. The estates are now the property  
of Thomas Ellames Withington, Esq., having been purchased by his father.

F

\* The family was much harassed, and severely fined, by the Republican party during the Rebellion, and for some years reduced to dependency upon their friends, but recovered some of their property at the Restoration.



John Culcheth, Esq., bapt. at Winwick 8 Oct. 1650.	Mary, daughter of Hugh Dicconson of Wrightington, Esq. Bur. at Winwick 9 Dec. 1681-2.
Aged 13 in 1661. Buried at Winwick 4 Feb. 1681-2.	

Thomas Culcheth, Esq., living 1725. Died s.p. and buried at Winwick	="Mrs. Ann, wife of Mr. Thos. Culcheth, Esq., of Culcheth, buried 16 July, 1747; 2 and 3. An (Winwick Register.)
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Thomas Culcheth, Esq., living 1725. Died s.p. and buried at Winwick = "Mrs. Ann, wife of Mr. Thos. Culcheth, Esq., of Culcheth, buried 16 July, 1747; upon it the arms—Quarterly 1 and 4. A griffin segreant. 2 and 3. An eagle preying upon a child."

Mrs. Mary Culcheth of Hindley buried at Winwick 7 April, 1657.  
Geoffrey Culcheth witnesses the signatures to a deed 16 Dec. 1700.

In the cemetery at Bruges is a grey marble monument, having the following inscription :—"This stone was erected by Mary Ann Culcheth as a tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of her late husband, JOHN CULCHETH, Esq., late of Liverpool, who departed this life at Bruges the 29th January, 1845, aged 44 years."

\* This entry and several others of the Culcheth family are not entered as baptisms in the Winwick Registers, but as "Births under the new act."

*Notes to p. 4 :—*

\* Robert, f. Hugh de Hindley, with Elen his wife, and his brothers Richard, Thomas, and Adam, divide the inheritance of Gilb. de Culcheth. *Witnesses* Lord Wm. de Botiller, Rob. Banaster, Thurstan de Holland, Alan de Wyndull, Adam de Holand, militibz, Hen. de Tildestey, Wm. de Atherton, Alan de Lyxton, Gilb. de Sonthworth, Ric. de Halesll, Wm. Buld, Ric. Payngton, et alij. [A long Latin deed, in which the boundaries of the several estates are given.]

† Ric. f. Hugh de Hyndeley and Margery his wife acknowledge to have received, as their share of the inheritance of Gilb. de Culcheth, his capital messuage and other lands in Culcheth which were set out by moles and bounds. *Witnesses* the same as the former one (\*), except that "Buld" is spelt "Buld."

‡ Saturday in Vigilia clausa. *Pastor*, 19 Ed. III. Gilb. de Culcheth grants to his son Gilbert and Joan his wife, dair' of Adam de Kenyon, THE MANOR OF HINDLEY IN TAL. Remainder to John, Gilbert's son by Cecilia, dair' of Ric. Bradshaigh, Rem'r to Wm., John's brother, in tail. Rem. to Wm., son of Gilb. de Urmeton, in tail. Rem'r to Gilb., the grantor, in fee. *Witnesses* Gilb. de Haydock, David de Egerton, Simon de Holland, Adam de Holroyd, Wm. Gerard, and Hen. Gilfrid.

¶ These appear to be the ancient arms of Culcheth, and would seem to be founded upon those of Boeteler—Azure a bend between six covered cups or. The eagle and child coat does not appear until a later date.



## Risley of Risley, co. Lancaster.\*

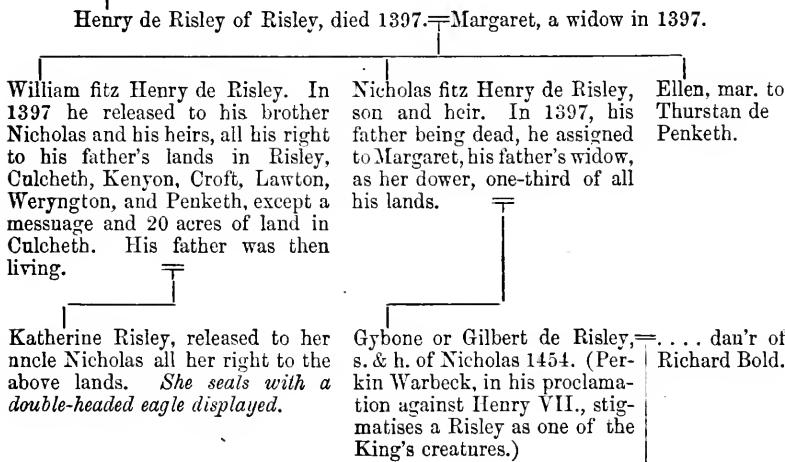
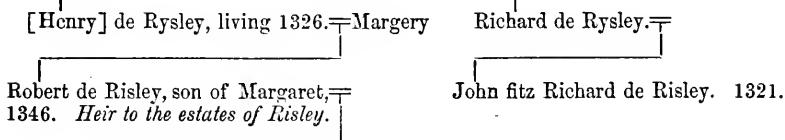
**ARMS.**—Quarterly, 1 and 4. Argent, an eagle sable, preying upon an infant swaddled gules banded argent. 2 and 3. [Argent] three birds volant [gules].

**CREST.**—An oak tree sable, theron a raven perched, proper.

**MOTTO.**—FATO PRUDENTIA MAJOR.

In the ‘Visitation of Lancashire, 1665,’ Sir William Dugdale gives for arms: “*Arg. a tree sa. with a raven perched thereon.*” This was the Crest.

Robert fitz Hugh de Hindley, = Ellen, one of the dau’rs and coheirs of Gilbert called also Robert de Rysley. | de Culcheth, by his wife Lady Cecilia de Lathom.  
- tpo. Ed. I. (see Culcheth Ped. She had the Risley estates as her dowry. in this volume).



Richard Risley, s. and h. = Alice, dau’r of John Byrom. Mar. sett. dated 1454. She remarried to . . . Sotheworth before 1494.

Margaret, wife of John Macey of Sale.

Henry Risley, of Risley, = Margery, dau’r of s. and h. of Richard 1463 & 1509. | Hamon Macey of Rixton. | Nicholas, 1494, & m. to John Rotour.



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Robert Risley, of Risley, s. and h. of Henry. 1494.	Elizabeth, dau'r of Richard Holland of Denton.

Randal, a clerk. 1494 & 1536.

Alice, mar. to John, son of John Boydell of Lymm, co. Chester. This marriage was confirmed by Robert Cliff, official to the Archdeacon of Chester, 15 Feb. 1504. At the time of the marriage the parties were aged respectively 7 and 8 years.

B	
Richard Risley of Risley, s. and h. His guardian, Sir Thomas Boteler, granted the guardianship to Sir John Ireland, 20 May, 9 Hen. VIII.	Alicia, d. and h. of [Sir John] Ireland. She was divorced 17 June 1536, having herself sought the divorce on the plea that she had married Risley during the lifetime of her husband Thomas Stanley.

John Risley = Margaret, dau'r and heir to Robert Radcliffe. She remarried to Richard Byrom, who with her was sued by John, s. and h. of John Risley 9 Eliz.

C					
Thomas Risley, 4 Feby. 34 Henry VIII. Letters Patent of Inspeximus under the duchy seal, reciting that upon a trial in court, it was found that John Risley, bro. & heir to Richard Risley, and cousin and heir male of the body of Nicholas, son of Henry Risley, was the rightful owner of the family estates, and that Thomas Risley was base born.	John Risley = Margdalene, dau'r of John, heir to the estates.	Richard.	Lucy.	Anne.	Margaret.

D					
Richard Risley = Anne, dau'r of Risley, mar. at Stockport 11 Sept. 1593; d. about 1637.	Henry, bapt. at Winwick, Nov. 18, 1577; bur. at Winwick 11 Dec. 1623.	George.	Mary, m. to Edward Swansey.	Elizabeth, mar. to John Valentine of Bentcliffe.	

E					
Elizabeth, dau'r of . . . Scrimshire of Norbury, co. Stafford.	John Risley = Eleanor, dau'r of . . . Humphreys, co. Derby. "Mrs. Risley" bur. at Winwick 1 Feb. 1661-2.	Eleanor, bur. at Winwick 1 Feb. 1661-2.	Beatrix, m. to Robt. Browne of Inskip.	Mary, mar. to Richard Whitehead of Astley.	

s. p.

F					
Richard, ob. infans.	John Risley of Risley, Esq., at 35 in 1665. Bur. in linen at Winwick 19 July 1682, as "John Risley, Esq."	Margaret, d. of John Holcroft of Holcroft; m. at Newchurch 15 May 1647; bur. at Winwick 23 March 1675-6.	Jane.	Martha, bapt. at Newchurch 22 Jan. 1634-5. Ob. infans.	



John Risley of Risley, Esq., bapt. at Newchurch 7 Feb. 1648. . . . remarried to "Æt. 8," at Visitation in 1665. [? 18.] Buried at Winwick . . . Asheton, Esq. 30 Mar. 1676 (*vict patris*), as "John son of John Risley, Esq." before 1702.



				B	C
Captain John Risley of Risley, bapt. at Knowsley 26 Oct. 1675. Died at Ormskirk 1 Nov., and bur. at Winwick 13 Nov. 1702. Aged 27. O. s. p. His funeral sermon, preached by the Rev. Zach. Taylor, was printed in 1703, and is dedicated to “The Vertuous Madam Ashton, mother to the late worshipful John Risley, Esq.”			Margaret, bapt. at Newchurch	Sharlotta, or Sherlock, bapt. at Newchurch	
Richard, bapt. at Newchurch 18 Feb. 1651.	James, bapt. at New- church 2 Mar. 1653; bur. at Winwick Jan. 16, 1654-5.		Thomas, bapt. at Newchurch 4 Mar. 1652. “Thomas Risley of Culcheth, gent.”	11 April 1673.	17 Mar. 1674; bur. at Winwick 15 Jan. 1674-5.
	James, buried at Win- wick 16 June 1653.		Buried at Winwick 21 May 1716.		Elizabeth, mar. at Win- wick 23 May 1678, to Hamlet Wood of Risley, gent. She died at Ches- ter, and was buried at Winwick 26 May 1736.
Henry Wood, ob. infans. b. 1686.	Thomas Wood, b. 1686.	Hamlet Wood, b. 1688.	Henry Wood, b. 1690.	Richard Risley Wood, b. 1692.	Margaret Wood, born 1683.

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 ADOLESCENTIS . SI . QUI . ALIUS .  
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 SUPREMUS . GENTIS . RISLEYANÆ . DECOR .  
 TUÆ . AUTEM . LECTOR . TUÆ .  
 SENIOR . SEU . JUNIOR . MORTIS . ABI . MEMOR .  
 OBIIT . NOV . I . SEPULTUS . EST . NOV . 13 . ANNO .  
 DOMINI . 1702 . ÆTATIS . SUÆ . 27 .

ARMS.—Quarterly, 1 and 4. An eagle  
 preying upon a child. 2 and 3. Three  
 birds. CREST.—Upon an esquire's helmet  
 a tree, thereon a raven.



## Risley.

Thomas Risley, gentleman, of Poulton with Fearnhead, born 1588; buried at Warrington 14 Oct. 1670; æt. 82. [Possibly a son of Thomas, son of Richard Risley and Alicia Ireland.]

HERE LYETH  
 THE BODY OF  
 THOMAS RIS-  
 LEY WHO WAS  
 BURIED THE  
 14 DAY OF OCT.  
 AGED 82:  
 1670.  
 AND OF THOMASIN  
 HIS WIFE WHO WAS  
 BURIED THE 26  
 DAY OF JULY: AGED  
 82: WANTING 3  
 WEEKS.  
 1681.

John Risley, born 1628, of Pembroke Coll. Oxon. Died 14 January, 1661.	The Rev. Thomas Risley,=Catherine A.M. Born 27 August, 1630. Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford. Deacon and Priest Nov. 10, 1662. Compelled to surrender his fellowship on account of non-conformity 24 Aug. 1662. Built Risley Chapel about 1707, and performed service there. Author of "The Cursed Family," founded upon Prov. iii. 33, and Jer. x. last verse. Died 1716. Buried at Risley Chapel.
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Thomas Risley, s. and h.	The Rev. John Risley,=Hannah M.A., of Glasgow Coll. died 27 May 1730, aged 35. Minister at Risley Chapel. Born 29 Jan. 1690. Bur. at Risley Chapel. Died 3 Sep. 1743; bur. Chapel. at Risley Chapel.
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Hannah, died 12 Nov. 1723.  
Buried at Risley.

(Query whether other issue.)

### RISLEY MEMORANDA.

1. Joan, widow of Sir John Risley, married Sr. Christopher Gameys, knt. before 1418. "Writ to the Sheriffs of London to summon John Rysley of Broseley in the parish of Winwick, gentleman, to render to Richard Broke, serjeant-at-law, John Roper, Edward Okeren, Will. Marener, and John Browne, executors of John Rysley, knt, and Christopher Gameys, knight, and Joan his wife, late the wife of the said Sir John Ryseley 100 shillings. Sept. 12. 6 Henry V. A.D. 1418."

2. Sir John Risley, knight, 7 Hen. VII. 1491, was one of the King's feoffees in the trust of the Duchy of Lancaster, on his intending to go abroad; and in the Act of Resumption 11 Hen. VII. c. 48, 1495, there is a proviso that it should not prejudice Sir John Risley's grant from the King of part of the lands of John, Lord Zouche.

3. Robert Risley of Winwick co. Lanc., mentioned in a charter of Henry Risley, "late of" Risley, Esq. 26 Feb. 1509.



4. Henry Risley, Esq. of Tottenham, ment<sup>d</sup> in one of the Lanc. Risley charters with reference to Lands in co. Middlesex, 20 May 1510.
5. 25 July, 24 Hen. VIII. Bond from John Ryseley of Warrington, gent., and Walter Barnard of Est Hatley, co. Cambridge, to Symon Ryseley, clerk, conditioned to be void on the surrendering a lease of the parsonage of Crawden, which had been made to Simon's use.
6. 3 and 4 Ph. and M. Richard Ryseley, clerk, mentioned in a deed of John Risley of Risley, Esq.
7. 1716, 21 May. Tho. Risley of Culcheth, gent., buried at Winwick.
8. No date. "John Risley of Risley, gave £60 to the poor of Culcheth, which now (no date) lyeth on the Workhouse in Culcheth."
9. No date. "John Risley of Risley, left that an almshouse should be built for the poor of Risley Lordship, which was built accordingly."

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